

Housing Services

Mission. The Housing Services Department is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the affordable housing strategy for the City. Functions include the HOME Program, the Weatherization Assistance and Home Energy Loan Programs, the Direct Loan and Deferred Loan Programs, the Infill Housing Program, and the emergency shelter and assistance programs. The Department also administers the Wichita Housing Authority's (WHA) public housing and Section 8 Housing Assistance programs.



WHA operates public housing facilities such as Greenway Manor.

Overview. The Housing Services Department receives grant funds from the Department of Energy, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. The funds support a variety of activities, including housing, rent and utility assistance, home ownership, rehabilitation, and weatherization assistance. Most services are targeted to

low-income neighborhoods for housing, home ownership, and home rehabilitation assistance to low- and moderate-income citizens.

Finance and Operations. Beginning in 2000, the Human Services Department will be merged with various other departments; some divisions will be eliminated. The Housing Services Department will be created to consolidate and provide centralized oversight for all city housing-related programs. The new department will incorporate functions currently residing within the Human Services Department and the Office of Central Inspection.

The WHA, Weatherization, emergency shelter, and HOME programs will be transferred into the new Housing Services Department beginning in 2000. In addition, the Neighborhood Improvement Services function of the Office of Central Inspection will be moved to the Housing Services Department, under the oversight of the Housing Services Director. No net budgetary changes are associated with the administrative transfers.

Selected Performance Measures			
	1998	1999	2000
Occupancy %	88.6%	96.0%	97.0%
% of units weatherized within 120 days from post inspection	43.0%	50.0%	50.0%

Housing Services Budget Summary					
	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	2001 Approved
Locally Funded Expenditures:					
Housing Services Administration	0	0	0	145,870	146,520
Grant Matching Funds	0	0	0	89,988	90,768
Total Locally Funded Expenditures	0	0	0	235,858	237,288
Grant-Funded Expenditures:					
Wichita Housing Authority/Section 8 (HUD)	0	0	0	9,785,326	9,935,047
HOME Program (HUD)	0	0	0	1,869,000	1,878,040
Neighborhood Improvement Services (HUD)	0	0	0	324,100	327,010
Weatherization Assistance (DOE/KDOC)	0	0	0	310,598	301,280
Emergency Shelter Grants (HUD/KDOC)	0	0	0	231,070	235,690
Total Grant Funded Expenditures	0	0	0	12,520,094	12,677,067
Position Summary					
Locally-funded FTE	0	0	0	1.15	1.15
Grant-funded FTE	0	0	0	62.60	62.60
Total FTE	0	0	0	63.75	63.75